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***Temporary Final Rule: 33 CFR Part 160
Requirements for Notification of Arrival in U.S. Ports***

To ensure public safety and security and to ensure the uninterrupted flow of commerce, the Coast Guard published on October 4, 2001, a temporary final rule that changes the notification requirements for vessels bound for or departing from U.S. ports. This temporary rule is in effect until June 15, 2002. In summary, the rule:

- Temporarily lengthens the usual notification period from 24 to 96 hours prior to port entry. See Chart 1 on page 2 of this bulletin.
- Requires after October 15, 2001, the submission of reports to a central national clearinghouse, the National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC), United States Coast Guard, 408 Coast Guard Drive, Kearneysville, WV, 25430, by:
 - (1) Telephone at 1-800-708-9823;
 - (2) Fax at 1-800-547-8724; or
 - (3) E-mail at sans@nvmc.uscg.gov.

Until October 15, all vessels required to make notification must submit the report to the cognizant COTP. After October 15, only the Notice of Arrival (NOA) reports for foreign vessels of 300 gross tons or less operating in the Seventh Coast Guard District must continue to be sent to the cognizant COTP. Information about the National Vessel Movement Center is available on its website at <http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/>.

- Suspends exemptions from reporting requirements for vessels on scheduled routes or entering port in compliance with the Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER).
- Requires additional information to be submitted on NOAs and Notice of Departures (NODs) including: 1) a general description of the vessel's cargo, 2) the date of departure from each port listed in the NOA, 3) location or position information for reports filed for vessels not carrying certain dangerous cargo, and 4) lists of every person on board the vessel. The list must contain basic information about the person, such as name, date of birth, nationality, and for crewmembers, position or duties on board ship.
- Allows submitters to file a single consolidated report listing all consecutive U.S. destinations during

the voyage, along with estimated arrival dates for each port. A vessel carrying dangerous cargo must notify the NVMC whenever it leaves a port listed in its NOA report.

- Requires submitters to notify the NVMC (or the COTP in the case of smaller foreign vessels in the Seventh District) when previously submitted information changes.
- Changes the 33 CFR 160.203 definition of certain dangerous cargoes.

This temporary final rule does not change the provisions of 33 CFR 160.205. Therefore, any vessel that is unable to meet the reporting requirements set forth in this temporary final rule may request a waiver from the cognizant COTP.

Chart 1, below, summarizes the changes in submission times made by this rule:

Vessel Type & Voyage Time	NOA – Initial Report		NOD – Initial Report		NOA – Changes		NOD - Changes	
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Vessels greater than 300 GT with a voyage time of 96 hours or greater	24 hours; 160.207	At least 96 hours before entering each port of destination; 160.T208	None	None	None	As soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours before entering port	None	None
Vessels greater than 300 GT with a voyage time of less than 96 hours	24 hours; 160.207	Before departing but no less than 24 hours before entering each port of destination; 160.T208	None	None	None	As soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours before entering the port	None	None
All vessels carrying dangerous cargo, with a voyage time of 96 hours or greater	24 hours; 160.211(a)	At least 96 hours before entering each port of destination; 160.T212	At least 24 hours unless notification was made within 2 hours of arrival; 160.213	Same; 160.T214	None	As soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours before entering the port	None	Before departing
All vessels carrying dangerous cargo, with a voyage time of less than 96 hours	24 hours; 160.211(a)	Before departing but no less than 24 hours before entering each port of destination; 160.T212	At least 24 hours unless notification was made within 2 hours of arrival; 160.213	Same; 160.T214	None	As soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours before entering the port	None	Before departing
All barges carrying dangerous cargo	4 hours; 160.211(b)	At least 12 hours before entering each port of destination	At least 4 hours before departing unless notification was made within 2 hours of arrival; 160.211(b)	Same; 160.T214	None	As soon as practicable but no later than 12 hours before entering the port	None	Before departing

The temporary final rule was published in the Federal Register, Vol 66, No. 193, Thursday, October 4, 2001. The full text of the rule is available from Federal Register Online at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont01.html.

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